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Elizabethtown Receives \$10,000 Grant for the American Legion Park

The City of Elizabethtown was recently awarded a \$10,000 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. These grants are designed to encourage urban and community forestry programs and are awarded to local governments, non-profit and civic organizations, and other groups for local government development/improvement, site specific project demonstration, non-profit administration or information and educational projects.

The City of Elizabethtown will use the grant funding for development and improvements of the American Legion Park. With the proposed widening of North Miles Street (KY 251), the City recognized potential adverse impacts on park facilities and

its urban forest and realized the need to improve the park and protect its urban forest. The grant project will include the development of a park master plan, urban forest management plan, construction plans and specifications, and demonstration/enhancement project. The proposed master plan will address park access and entrance enhancements, parking, tree inventory, identification, and preservation, and other issues. The management plan will highlight the long-term health and maintenance of the park's natural resources. The demonstration/enhancement project will highlight the construction and development of the park improvements. The City will also organize and coordinate an Arbor Day celebration at the American Legion Park.

Lincoln Trail Communities Receive Community Rivers and Streams Grants

The Cities of Vine Grove and Elizabethtown recently were awarded \$5,000 grants from the Community Rivers and Streams Grant Program. The CRSP grant program is administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government, and it is designed to promote community and local government participation in restoring, maintaining, and enhancing local and regional river resources and their accompanying watersheds, streams, and riparian areas.

The City of Vine Grove and the Optimist Club of Vine Grove received funding for Phase I of the Brushy Fork Recreation and Stewardship Project. This project will include the preparation of a recreational resource and access plan and brochure for recreational facilities along Brushy Fork and for the organization and development of cleanups of Brushy Fork.

Greenspace, Inc., City of Elizabethtown, and Hardin County received funding for the expansion of the Elizabethtown Greenbelt and the promotion of stewardship of the Nolin River and the streams of its watershed. These projects include photography and poetry contests, public forum, and development of conceptual plans for a trail and trailhead facility along Valley Creek and adjacent to the new Hardin County Justice Center.

LTADD 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

On September 23rd, the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board of Directors held a celebration commemorating 30 years of service to our District. The celebration was held at Maker's Mark Distillery in Loretto. A tour of the distillery was on the agenda followed by a reception and dinner. Highlights of the program were "A History of the ADD" presented by LaRue County Judge Executive Tommy Turner; Humorist Judge Ray Corns, and the following annual awards presentations: Board Chairman, Washington County Judge Executive Bobby Brady, was the recipient of this year's Palmer A. "Pete" Peterson Memorial Award, and Betty Jane Reynolds of Meade County received the Dorothy M. Dolle Memorial Award.

AGING PROGRAM Update

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Human Resources

Lincoln Trail Senior Center Wins Commissioner's Award for Interlocal Cooperation

The Breckinridge County Senior Center was the recipient of a state-wide award recognizing the importance of interlocal cooperation. The Senior Center is the only



Gail Dawson and Judge Moorman accept the Commissioner's Intergovernmental Cooperation Award



Left to right: Richard Butler, Wayne Puckett, Gail Dawson, and Judge Tom Moorman



Commissioner's Intergovernmental Cooperation Award Presentation with Lt. Governor Steve Henry and Commissioner Arnold

rural center to be housed in a primary school. This arrangement was made as a result of the effort of local government, the school board, and the Lincoln Trail Area Development District. Seniors receive meals at the school. Also, a very successful foster grandparents program, developed by the school and senior center, has been recognized by Head Start officials.

National Training Conference Held in Tulsa, Oklahoma

In July, Aging Program staff along with Council Chairman, Jack Golden, attended the recent conference of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. This conference was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and drew participants from all fifty states. The conference

provided an opportunity to work with others across the nation in addressing issues of services for our nations elderly citizens.

Medicare Update

Several Aging Program Planners attended a recent update from the Health Care Finance Administration in an effort to learn more about the upcoming changes in Medicare. These changes have been described as some of the most significant to this system in decades. The new component to Medicare is Medicare + Choice. The choices to be provided will include the following plans:

Original Medicare
or
Medicare + Choice
It's YOUR Decision

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)
Health Maintenance Organizations with a Point of Service (POS) Option
Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)
Provider-Sponsored Organizations (PSOs)
Private Fee-For-Service Plans (PFFS plans)
Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs)

All choices are not available in all areas of Kentucky and options will be changing on a regular basis. We are planning to host a number of training sessions this fall to educate both medicare recipients and others who may be assisting recipients in making choices about their services.



Aging Advisory Council Chair Jack Golden and NAA Executive Director Janis Jackson



Princess Mollie DeWeese, Wyndotte Tribe, and Chief Bearskin.

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Original Medicare

The Original Medicare Plan is the traditional way that Medicare beneficiaries receive their health care. You can go to any doctor, hospital, or other health care provider who accepts Medicare. The original Medicare Plan pays its share for covered services and you pay your share. The Original Medicare Plan has two parts: Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Insurance). You may choose to pay for a Medigap or supplemental insurance policy to help with these expenses.



Medicare + Choice

If you have both Part A and Part B, and you do not have end stage kidney disease, you may have other Medicare health plan choices. These may include:



- * Medicare Managed Care Plans
- * Private Fee-for-Service Plans
- * Medicare Medical Savings Accounts
- * Religious Fraternal Benefit Society Plans

Starting in 1999, Medicare is changing, but you don't have to make a change. If you do nothing, you will continue to receive your health care in the same way. **No matter what you decide, you are still in the Medicare program and will receive all the Medicare benefits.**

Medicare Preventive Service

Flu shot: Once per year.

Pneumonia Shot: One may be all you ever need - ask your doctor.

Mammogram: One screening mammogram per year.

Pap Smear and Pelvic Exam: Once every three years. Once per year if you are at high risk.

Colorectal Cancer: A fecal occult blood test once a year. A flexible sigmoidoscopy every four years.

A colonoscopy every two years if you are at high risk. Your doctor may substitute a barium enema for the sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy.

Diabetes Monitoring: Includes glucose monitors, test strips, lancets, and self-management training.

Bone Mass Measurements: Varies with your health status.



Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs)

Congress has authorized up to 390,000 Medicare beneficiaries to participate in a MSA demonstration. The beneficiary chooses a Medicare MSA Plan — a health insurance policy with a high deductible. Medicare pays the premium for the MSA Plan and makes a deposit into the Medicare MSA that is established by the beneficiary. The beneficiary uses the money in the Medicare MSA to pay for services provided before the deductible is met and for other services not covered by the MSA Plan. Unlike other Medicare plans, there are no limits on what providers can charge above the amount paid by the Medicare MSA Plan. Individuals who enroll in MSAs are locked in for the entire year, with a one-time option of withdrawing by December 15 of the year in which they enrolled.

THREE LINCOLN TRAIL CITIES NAMED 1998 KENTUCKY Renaissance COMMUNITIES

At the Kentucky League of Cities 69th Annual Convention, Governor Paul Patton named the 1998 Kentucky Renaissance Communities. Forty-one cities, including **Cloverport, Lebanon, and Vine Grove**, applied for and received designations as pilots for this innovative program.

The goal of this innovative program is "to recognize and honor those cities which have maintained or restored their central downtown areas as safe, vibrant, efficient and functional urban cores, and to provide support and assistance on development strategies for those cities who want to improve their downtowns."

The Renaissance Kentucky program awards communities with incentives based on the level of eligibility. Bronze Level/Phase I communities were those with an expressed interest and demonstrated commitment to downtown revitalization. Twenty communities, including the **City of Lebanon**, were designated as a Bronze Level/Phase I community. Silver Level/Phase II communities have an organized downtown organization and have demonstrated commitment to downtown revitalization. Both **Cloverport** and **Vine Grove** were among the sixteen cities receiving Silver Level/Phase II designations. Finally, the Gold Level/Phase III communities are those cities with strong downtown organizations and demonstrated downtown revitalization, financial support, and local support and commitment. Only five Kentucky communities were recognized as Gold Level/Phase III communities.

LTADD Prepares National Register Nomination for Historic State Theatre

LTADD staff recently completed a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the historic State Theatre in **Elizabethtown**. The nomination was submitted to the Kentucky Heritage Council on August 1 and was presented by LTADD staff to the State Architectural Review Board on September 30, 1998 in Henderson, Kentucky.

The historic State Theatre on West Dixie Avenue is only one of many movie theatres in Kentucky. However, it is a significant reminder of entertainment in Elizabethtown-Hardin County in mid-twentieth Century. It is the only remaining structure constructed solely for the purpose of showing motion pictures in the 1940s, and it is one of two structures in Elizabethtown-Hardin County which exhibits the Art Deco style of architecture. The State Theatre is a product of the demand and need for entertainment during the World War II Era, and it reflects the local, state, and national trends in theatre construction and Art Deco style of architecture.

Congratulations!! to Scott Majors, Caneyville City Commissioner, Evelyn Oakley, Bardstown Councilmember, and Dixie Hibbs, Bardstown Councilmember for graduating from the Kentucky League of Cities Leadership Institute and being named 1998 Leadership Institute Fellows at the KLC 69th Annual Convention at Drawbridge Estates in Ft. Mitchell.

Congratulations!! to Chance Fox, Radcliff Clerk/Treasurer and Gaye Mann, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer for City of Irvington for graduating from the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute and being named as 1998 Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerks.

Cloverport Adopts New Plan

Development in **Cloverport** is the focus of a newly adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Plan includes strategies to protect and integrate development patterns.



The plan will serve the community for the next 5 to 20 years and projects growth in the city during that time frame. The new plan was intended to help enforce existing development laws, as well

as to influence development patterns for the next 10 to 15 years. Such updates in Comprehensive Plans are also required by Kentucky Law.

The next step for the **Cloverport Planning Commission** will be to update its implementation tools according to the Comprehensive Plan.

For copies of the plan, or for more information, contact the Cloverport Planning Commission or Andy R. Nevin, AICP - Regional Land Use Planner, LTADD.

NEW HARDINSBURG ZONING MAP



The **Hardinsburg Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to update its Official Zoning Map in October. The original map was adopted some time ago. The recent completion

of the City's Comprehensive Plan, as well as past zone change requests, annexation and changes in development have made it necessary to update the map. The Updated Zoning Map will address past changes as well as future planned development throughout the city.

The Planning Commission has worked diligently on the Map in an effort to be as accurate as possible while completing the task in a timely manner. Following the public hearing and recommendation from the Planning Commission, the City Council will vote on whether or not to adopt the map. Primarily, the changes in the map consist of zoning land as it is currently being used, as well as zoning vacant parcels to encourage infill and buffer-type development.

For more information, contact the Hardinsburg Planning Commission or Andy R. Nevin, AICP - Regional Land Use Planner, LTADD.

Bardstown West End Sewer Project Nears Completion

Construction of the Bardstown West End Sewer Project began in late January. After nine months of construction, the project is nearing completion. According to the contractor, Haydon Brothers Contracting, Inc. of Springfield, KY, construction of the sewer lines is complete. All that remains is some minor work at the pump station, installation of hook-ups and clean up.

This project was funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant. In order to qualify for the grant, at least 51% of the recipients must fall within the category of low to moderate income. Of the 171 original homes in the project, a total of 452 people, or 61%, are low to moderate income. A final update to that number is necessary before closeout can be complete.

Along with the Community Development Block Grant, the **City of Bardstown** has pledged \$851,575 in matching funds. The City has also been instrumental in collecting surveys to verify incomes of low-to-moderate income persons to qualify for the grant. The project should be complete and fully operational by mid-October. Any questions concerning this project should be directed to Patrick Haggerty, Community Development Specialist, LTADD.

Employment & Training News



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998

A new initiative was recently enacted by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. This initiative, titled the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 was developed to consolidate several work and educational training programs. The Act was effective August 7, 1998 and has an implementation date of July 1, 2000. State Governors may choose, however, to initiate the program earlier. Responsibility for the new program will fall under the jurisdiction of a Governor appointed Workforce Investment Board.

Performance Standards

During the past year the Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council met all of the performance standards as designated by the Office of Training and ReEmployment.

Title IIA Employment Rate at 13-week follow-up: 64.05% of Title IIA clients were employed 13 weeks after leaving the program.

Title IIA Weekly Earnings at 13-week follow-up: Title IIA Clients were earning an average of \$285.40 a week at their follow-up contact.

Title IIA Welfare Employment Rate at 13-week follow-up: 60.24% of the Title IIA welfare clients were employed 13 weeks after leaving the program.

Title IIA Welfare Weekly Earnings at 13-week follow-up: Title IIA welfare clients were earning an average of \$278.36 a week 13 weeks after leaving the program.

Title IIC Youth Employment Rate: 58.21% of IIC youth clients entered employment after completing the program.

Title IIC Youth Enhancement Rate: 53.73% of IIC youth clients had employability skills enhanced after completing the program.

Title IIA Older Worker Employment Rate: 75% of Title IIA Older Worker clients entered employment after leaving the program.

Title IIA Older Worker Wage Earnings at Placement: Title IIA Older Worker clients were earning an average of \$5.31 per hour when placed at a worksite.

SUMMER YOUTHANOTHER YEAR ENDS

Another summer has come and gone, and along with it so has another summer work program. The summer work program offers youth, ages 16-21, a chance to learn work ethics and work skills while earning money. Once again, the youth in the Lincoln Trail Area had a choice of places to work. There were several non-profit agencies providing clerical, maintenance, janitorial, outdoor and dietary positions. Three counties; Breckinridge, Grayson, and Hardin offered a chance for young people to enhance basic skills through their use on specific work tasks. This opportunity was presented through the Summer Challenge programs. Projects this year included landscaping, construction, designing and building nature trails, and park renovations. Two hundred twenty-five youth were served throughout the 8-county area allowing the young people to work a total 160-240 hours depending on the program in which they participated.

Community Connections for Children

Committee members met recently for their quarterly meeting. Invited guest, Dr. J. B. Skaggs gave a presentation on the services currently provided through Community Connections funding in Cloverport. Dr. Skaggs reported that many things are happening in the Cloverport community as a result of this funding. Services described are varied and include (but are not limited to) such activities as assistance in operating a youth meeting center in the school, some nursing services, and parenting programs. Area churches and organizations are becoming involved and adding their resources in order to expand or continue developed programs. Pride in the community has increased to such an extent that local residents not only participate in the new services, but are also willing to give of their time and talents to ensure success.

PIC Private Industry Council QUARTERLY REPORT

The Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council met on September 30, 1998. Bill Gaunce of the Workforce Development Cabinet was invited to inform the PIC about the Workforce Investment Act. Many members had questions for Mr. Gaunce regarding the Act. PIC members will join with the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board members to form a taskforce addressing the Workforce Investment Act issue. A staff report provided information on five Welfare-to-Work proposals that were received and reviewed. A second report was given announcing that JTPA met all the performance standards during the past year. New Client Services Manager Chris Hodge was introduced to the Council. The PIC will next meet on October 21, 1998.

LTADD welcomes new employees: **Chris Hodge, Client Services Manager; Karen VanWormer, Administrative Assistant; and Kay Roach, Administrative Assistant**

During July, **Janet Johnston, Public Administration Specialist**, attended the Kentucky County Judge/Executive & Magistrates Associations Conference in Owensboro; the Employment & Labor Law In Kentucky Seminar in Louisville;

In August, **Ms. Johnston** attended the Wireless Revolution (Cellular Tower) Seminar in Lexington, and the Governor's Local Issues Conference in Louisville. **Mr. Andy Nevin, Regional Land Use Planner**, attended the NADO Conference in Tuscon. **Mr. Mike Skaggs, Transportation Planner**, attended the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) Conference in Lexington.

In September, **Ms. Johnston** attended the Kentucky League of Cities Convention in Ft. Mitchell. **Mr. Nevin** joined planners from Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky at the Midwest Regional Planning Conference in Indianapolis. **Mr. Patrick Haggerty, Community Development Specialist**, attended Rural Development Training in Bardstown.

The following training programs and seminars were attended by Employment and Training staff this quarter:

Community Connections for Children offered a 2-day training retreat presenting information on the new **Adoption Safe Families Act**. The Act calls for an increase in services to adoptive families as well as a shorter time limit to move children from foster home to stable family environments. The program offered a chance to discuss concerns and to exchange ideas for providing necessary services. In attendance from the Lincoln Trail staff were **Client Services Managers Mike Karnes and Melanie Staderman**.

Customer Service was the title and topic of a training seminar in Louisville attended by **Mike Karnes, Melanie Staderman, and Employment Training Specialists Jackie Masterson and Lisa Carey**. This seminar addressed such topics as listening, effective communication via phone, fax, or e-mail, and giving the customer satisfaction.

Eligibility, MIS, and Financial training for JTPA was provided by the Office of Training and Re-employment at Lake Cumberland. A review of eligibility and MIS forms was given as well as new information on changes which have taken place in the JTPA program during the past year. **Jackie Masterson, Melanie Staderman, MIS Specialist Vivian Heath, SDA Fiscal Officer Angela Nance, and Client Services Managers Julie Watson and Chris Hodge** attended the program.

The new **Workforce Investment Act of 1998** was the topic of a seminar attended by **Jackie Masterson and Melanie Staderman** in Cincinnati, OH. Presented by **Rochelle J. Daniels** through OMTI Professional Development Services, the seminar gave a detailed step by step description of the Act. The program was attended by both state and local agency personnel from a variety of areas within Ohio and Kentucky.

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For more information, please contact Lincoln Trail Area Development District at 502-769-2393

New Manufacturing Firms

County	City	Company	Empl.	Investments	Product
Hardin	Elizabethtown	AP Southridge	15	2,500,000	Heat treatment
Hardin	Elizabethtown	Copperweld Corp.	40	18,000,000	Stainless steel tubing
LaRue	Hodgenville	Metaltek Mfg. Inc.			Automotive precision machinery
Marion	Lebanon	Montebello Packaging Inc.	35-80	6,700,000	Collapsible aluminum tubes
Marion	Lebanon	T Q Systems Inc.	16	635,000	Metal fabrication
Washington	Springfield	Midwest Stamping	100	2,000,000	Metal stamping
Washington	Springfield	Toyotomi America Corp.	75	34,480,000	Automotive body panels

Expanding Manufacturing

Hardin	Elizabethtown	Altec		4,500,000	Truck buckets
Hardin	Elizabethtown	Collis Inc.	20	980,000	Wire products
LaRue	Sonora	NSU Corp.	75	3,550,000	Muffler parts
Marion	Lebanon	Curtis-Maruyasa Am. Inc.	100		Tube fabricating
Nelson	Bardstown	Country Gardens	47	873,750	Fruits & vegetables for retail
Nelson	Bardstown	Jideco		3,000,000	Small automotive motors



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Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors Meeting

Private Industry Council Meeting

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Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting

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Vision 2000 Meeting

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Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association Meeting

Nov. 11

Lincoln Trail ADD Office Closed

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Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors Meeting

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Urban & Community forestry Seminars #8 & #9

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LTADD Office Closed

Dec. 8-10

Local Elected County Officials Seminar, Louisville

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LTADD Board of Directors Meeting

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.

FYI

Lincoln Trail District unemployment rate estimates revised August 1998: Breckinridge County: 3.9%, Grayson County: 4.1%, Hardin County: 4.4%, LaRue County: 3.3%, Marion County: 6.1%, Meade County: 3.1%, Nelson County: 4.6%, and Washington County: 3.5%. Statewide: 4.0%. U.S. Comparable Rate: 4.5%. (Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services, Research and Statistics Branch, 9/98)



Life's Little Moments. . .
When in charge, ponder
When in doubt, mumble.
When in trouble, delegate.

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